

**Lincolnshire County Council email response to Localised Council Tax Support 2022/23 consultation**

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**Cc:** Parker, Tracey (City of Lincoln Council)

**Subject:** RE: Local Council Tax Support Scheme - 22/23 consultation

Hello Jaclyn

Thank you for your invitation to comment on the City of Lincoln Council Tax Support Scheme 2022/23 proposed changes.

Whilst the number of the case load seems to have plateaued, given this is likely to be an uncertain picture for a while, we would support any option that minimises the impact of the council tax collected, whilst supporting those with the greatest need.

We have not commented on the option of increasing the Exceptional Hardship Fund, as this is a cost borne solely by City of Lincoln Council.

The options 2 and 3 seem to present an opportunity to reduce the cost impact and make the process simpler for residents accessing the scheme . This should help to mitigate the cost of the demand on the scheme, although the modelling on option 3 still needs to be calculated to demonstrate this. We would be supportive of an option that can minimise the growth in demand against the scheme.

Kind regards, Michelle

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